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H.B. No. 2924

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to military leave time accounts for police and fire departments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 143.075, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 143.075. MILITARY LEAVE TIME ACCOUNTS. (a) A municipality shall maintain military leave time accounts for the fire and police departments and must maintain a separate military leave time account for each department.

(b) A military leave time account shall benefit a fire fighter or police officer who:

(1) is a member of the Texas National Guard or the armed forces reserves of the United States;

(2) was called to active federal military duty while serving as a fire fighter or police officer for the municipality; and

(3) has served on active duty for a period of 3 ~~[12]~~ continuous months or longer~~[, and~~

~~[(4) has exhausted the balance of the person's vacation, holiday, and compensatory leave time accumulations].~~

(c) A fire fighter or police officer may donate any amount of accumulated vacation, holiday, sick, or compensatory leave time to the military leave time account in that fire fighter's or police

1 officer's department to help provide salary continuation for fire
2 fighters or police officers who qualify as eligible beneficiaries
3 of the account under Subsection (b). A fire fighter or police
4 officer who wishes to donate time to an account under this section
5 must authorize the donation in writing on a form provided by the
6 fire or police department and approved by the municipality.

7 (d) A municipality shall equally distribute the leave time
8 donated to a military leave time account among all fire fighters or
9 police officers who are eligible beneficiaries of that account.
10 The municipality shall credit and debit the applicable military
11 leave time account on an hourly basis regardless of the cash value
12 of the time donated or used.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.